

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** June 20, 2011  
**POSITION:** Neutral fiscally; defer to the Air Resources Board

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 211  
**AUTHOR:** B. Emmerson

### **BILL SUMMARY:** Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Tire Inflation

Existing law charges the Air Resources Board (Air Board) with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs). The Air Board is required to adopt a statewide GHG emissions limit equivalent to the statewide GHG level in 1990, to be achieved by 2020, and to regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emission reductions. To meet the GHG limit, the Air Board adopted a regulation requiring automotive service providers by September 1, 2010, among other requirements, to check and inflate vehicle tires to the recommended pressure rating when performing automobile maintenance or repair services.

This bill would, until January 1, 2017, authorize a tire pressure gauge used to meet the regulation requirements to be accurate within a range of plus or minus 2 pounds per square inch of pressure (2 psi). The bill would authorize automotive service providers to meet the regulation requirements without checking and inflating a vehicle's tire if that tire is determined to be unsafe. An "unsafe tire" is any tire considered unsafe in accordance with standard industry practices due to tire tread wear, tread irregularity, or damage. Examples include any tire with exposed ply or cord, a sidewall crack, a bulge, a knot, or ply separation.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

According to the Air Board, the bill would impose minor and absorbable costs to revise the automotive service provider tire inflation regulation. The Department of Finance (Finance) concurs.

### **COMMENTS**

Finance notes the bill results in no new costs, and defers to the Air Board regarding policy merits or concerns related to the bill.

The bill is intended to codify accuracy specifications for tire pressure gauges used by automotive service providers. According to the author, codifying the accuracy specifications will assure the industry the specifications cannot be altered without prior legislative approval.

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the May 10, 2011 version are minor and do not alter our position. The bill has been amended to authorize an automotive service provider to meet regulation requirements without checking and inflating a vehicle's tire if that tire is determined to be unsafe, as defined.

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		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP						Fund	
Type		RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
3900/Air Res Bd		SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0115
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0115	Air Pollution Control Fund									